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NEWS RELEASE**



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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 4 hours from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Tuesday, August 6 in the Kotzebue District.

Catch during Monday night's 4-hour opening was 9,672 chum salmon by 40 permit holders. Commercial harvest is over 165,000 chum salmon this season and at this time is tracking ahead of the department's forecast of 225,000 to 250,000 chum salmon by season's end.

Catch index at the department test fish project near Kiana indicates a good chum salmon run to the Kobuk River. The test fish chum catch ranks fourth highest in the 21-year project history.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.